

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CNY CHINESE CULTURE CENTER'S ROCK CENTER FACILITY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Central New York Chinese Culture Center's new Rock Center facility in Syracuse, New York.

The CNY Chinese Culture Center plans to reopen the former Rockefeller United Methodist Church building as the Rock Center on July 22, 2017. The building has undergone significant renovations, but the structure's architectural character and history have been preserved to help facilitate the cultural exchanges that will occur at the Rock Center. The CNY Chinese Culture Center's hope for the Rock Center is to continue serving the Syracuse University and DeWitt communities with a wide array of programs, classes, and clubs.

Over the years, the CNY Chinese Culture Center has become a driving force in the Syracuse community, utilizing grassroots efforts to introduce Chinese heritage and culture to our community and foster cultural exchange. I am proud to recognize the grand opening of the CNY Chinese Center's Rock Center and I wish this outstanding organization continued success in the years to come.

CLEVELAND METROPARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the oldest park district in Ohio, Cleveland Metroparks, on celebrating their 100th Anniversary, marking a century's worth of service to our region.

In 1917, following the Ohio General Assembly's passage of landmark legislation allowing for the creation and development of park districts, Cuyahoga County probate judge Alexander Hadden appointed the first board of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District. In an effort to support resource conservation and through the vision and leadership of their first director, William Stinchcomb—a self-taught engineer who first conceptualized the idea of a chain of parks connecting our communities—the Emerald Necklace was born.

From modest beginnings, Cleveland Metroparks held and preserved just 109 acres of land in Cuyahoga County's western and southernmost suburbs. Yet, within their first decade, what started with just one hundred acres of donated land would soon grow to encompass 9,000 acres throughout more than a dozen communities.

As a national leader in sustainability, Cleveland Metroparks' successes in natural resource conservation, as well as innovation in green infrastructure, provide essential environmental, health and economic benefits for all people. In fact, last year, Cleveland Metroparks won the prestigious American Academy of Park and Recreation Administration's National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management—an award that Cleveland Metroparks has received 4 times since 1994.

Our park systems play a crucial role in environmental stewardship and community health, ensuring not only the preservation and prosperity of our flora and fauna—but improving public health and wellness by preventing health related problems ranging from asthma and obesity to diabetes and mental health.

The Cleveland Metroparks also has a tremendous impact on the regional economy. Tourism remains one of Ohio's largest and fastest growing industries, producing \$43 billion in sales annually. Of that, Cuyahoga County contributes nearly 20 percent, generating \$8.1 billion for the economy in 2015. What's more, a recent study conducted by The Trust for Public Land found that Cleveland Metroparks alone generate nearly a billion dollars annually for the local economy.

Cleveland Metroparks has built an admirable legacy, from the Rocky River Reservation, the first land purchased by the park district, and its many trails weaving through the Valley's forests and wetlands, to the Centennial Trail improving access and re-connecting our region with Wendy Park, Edgewater Beach and Lake Erie's shore. The Metroparks have remained committed to the conservation of natural resources, the education of our community and the recreation opportunities for our friends and family.

Today, 100 years later and spanning 47 diverse communities, Cleveland Metroparks' more than 23,000 acres of preserved wetlands and forests, trails and paths, lakefront beaches, rivers and streams, golf courses and a nationally acclaimed zoo, have become a destination and gathering place for millions of runners, hikers, cyclists, boaters, kayakers, fishermen, birders, nature enthusiasts and families from all across the country.

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Cleveland Metroparks, please join me in thanking all those whose vision and leadership have shaped this vast network and helped create one of the most valuable and significant resources in Ohio.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH GRANADOS ELIAS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a special person that gave greatly

to our community, Joseph Granados Elias, who passed away July 6, 2017 at the age of 81. Mr. Granados Elias was a respected business owner, a loved community member, and a selfless husband and father.

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, Mr. Granados Elias moved to California where he was the longtime owner of Fiesta Juice in downtown Santa Ana. A fierce advocate for Latino businesses, Mr. Granados Elias was known in our community as a fearless warrior and loving friend.

Mr. Granados Elias truly had a heart for others, and he spent his life serving those in greater need than him. One of the first Latino members of Kiwanis, Mr. Granados Elias was heavily involved with the organization, always thinking of how best to offer his time. When a community park needed more money to build a playground accessible for children with special needs, Mr. Granados Elias was instrumental in working with Kiwanis to raise sufficient funds.

This is just one example of how greatly Mr. Granados Elias cared for his community and how strong the relationships he built were. Mr. Granados Elias was known for his warmth, generosity, and incredible joy, which is reflected in the close relationships he shared with his family.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering Mr. Joseph Granados Elias, whose innovative entrepreneurship and loving spirit will live on in the hearts and lives of all those he knew and loved. He is an example to us all of what it means to be a public servant, and I extend my deepest condolences to his children, Suzanne, Sharon, Elizabeth, David, Paul and Albert; his ten grandchildren, and his seven great grandchildren. May God bless this family.

RECOGNIZING LONGEST SERVING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, VELMA LEE SEBRING, FOR OUTSTANDING MENTORSHIP

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Velma Lee Sebring for her service over the last 74 years as a Sunday school teacher at Centerpoint Baptist Church in Scottsboro, Alabama.

Mrs. Sebring began teaching Sunday school at Centerpoint Baptist Church in 1942. Having taught at the same location for approximately 74 years, she has surpassed the known Guinness World Record for the longest serving Sunday school teacher at one church. Mrs. Sebring began teaching Sunday school at Randall's Chapel United Methodist Church in 1938, meaning she has taught for a combined 78 years.

I believe the education of our young people is of the utmost importance. As a son, husband, and father of educators, I have seen

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firsthand the sacrifices they make to invest in the future of our children. I appreciate and commend the work Mrs. Sebring has done on behalf of the North Alabama community, and I am confident that her work to support the spiritual needs of countless children over the years has made a lasting, positive impact on numerous generations.

Mrs. Sebring was married to the late Bill Sebring of Scottsboro, and she has three children: Billie Ann Wallace of Northport, Nora Sebring of Scottsboro, and Robert Sebring of Scottsboro.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Mrs. Sebring for her dedication and mentorship across North Alabama.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH ANNUAL
TASTE OF ETHIOPIA

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 5th Annual Taste of Ethiopia. The Taste of Ethiopia promotes cultural immersion and provides community services for our extensive Ethiopian immigrant community in Colorado. The event is a unique showcase of music, food, art, crafts, culture, games, and Ethiopian dance.

Moreover, the festival is not only a great opportunity for family fun and bringing the Ethiopian community together, but it also serves to highlight the individual contributions of Ethiopian immigrants to our community. In this spirit, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the following organizers of the Taste of Ethiopia for their hard work and dedication to make this event for our community possible: Nebiyu Asfaw, Sosna Dagne, Elizabeth Moltot, Adanech Denbel, Fikru Ayele, Bizuye Sebsbe, Talahun Dessie, Aschalew Agonafer, Yalemwork Tekola, Girum Alemayehu, Sophia Belew, Senait Keteman, Selam Ayele, Helen Tekle, and Ayinalem Bayu.

Mr. Speaker, the 6th District of Colorado is home to the largest Ethiopian community in the State of Colorado and it continues to be an honor for me to represent so many Ethiopian immigrants. I had the privilege of attending last year's Taste of Ethiopia and it is a privilege for me to again be included in the Taste of Ethiopia annual celebration.

I again offer my sincere congratulations to the organizers of the Taste of Ethiopia for their tireless work to promote the Ethiopian culture in the State of Colorado.

MORRISTOWN MEDICAL CENTER'S
125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morristown Medical Center,

located in Morris County, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary. From humble beginnings, the medical center has grown from a household hospital to a nationally renowned medical center with 6,565 employees, 1,704 physicians, and 526,946 outpatient visits in 2016.

Morristown Medical Center's history began in the late 1800s, when Myra M. B. Brookfield bequeathed her home property for the purpose of establishing a hospital, located on Morris Street in Morristown, New Jersey. Augusta Stone, a fellow colleague, joined her efforts and raised \$15,000 from the community, to equip and furnish the new hospital. The medical center was operated by professionals along with local volunteers, and no role was too small for townspeople. They sewed linens for the hospital bedding and picked vegetables to feed hungry patients. When hospital employees were sent overseas to serve in World War II, volunteers cooked and served meals, answered telephones, and drove the ambulances.

In 1952, the hospital was relocated to Madison Avenue in Morristown, which marked its turning point from a community hospital to a regional medical center. The medical center expanded throughout the next several decades with volunteers finding new methods of raising money. By 1991, the milestone was reached with more than 1,000 volunteers giving 100,000 hours annually.

Today, Morristown Medical Center is a leader in providing medical care and promoting innovation. Their Goryeb Children's Hospital, Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, and Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute, which has performed more heart surgeries than any other hospital in New Jersey, are all nationally recognized institutions.

Further, the Morristown Medical Center has built a strong relationship with its community. Along with aiding patients' medical needs, they also have forged partnerships with local schools and many local organizations to educate the residents of all ages about healthy eating and exercise. The Morristown Medical Center truly dedicates itself to serving the various needs of a diverse community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating the Trustees, administrators and staff, and Women's Auxiliary of Morristown Medical Center on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 2825,
THE DHS AUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2017

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2017

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 2825. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2017.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2825, the DHS Authorization Act of 2017.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

MARK P. HADLEY
(For Keith Hall, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 2825—DHS AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

As reported by the House Committee on
Homeland Security on June 28, 2017

SUMMARY

H.R. 2825 would authorize the appropriation of nearly \$11 billion over the 2018–2022 period for programs in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), mostly for activities carried out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but also for programs of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the DHS Office of the Inspector General. In addition, CBO estimates that the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$154 million over the five-year period for other DHS activities, including programs to increase security at airports.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized and estimated amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2825 would cost \$5.6 billion over the 2018–2022 period and \$5.4 billion after 2022. In addition, because the legislation would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures apply; however, we estimate that the net effect would be negligible in every year. The bill would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2825 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2825 would impose intergovernmental and private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) on airport operators and air carriers. Based on information from the TSA and airport officials, CBO estimates that the total costs of the mandates on public and private entities would fall well below the annual thresholds established in UMRA for intergovernmental and private-sector mandates (\$78 million and \$156 million in fiscal year 2017, respectively, adjusted annually for inflation).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2825 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 400 (transportation), 450 (community and regional development), and 750 (administration of justice).

By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2017–2022
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INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

FEMA Programs:						
Authorization Level	0	2,164	2,164	1,999	1,999	10,325
Estimated Outlays	0	240	606	922	1,327	4,800